

SENATE RESOLUTION 194

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Frances Lurlene Dillard Jones of Toone.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Frances Lurlene Dillard Jones; and

WHEREAS, Frances Jones was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones was born in rural Hardeman County on June 1, 1925, to Joseph Dillard and Tobitha Watson Dillard; she attended school in Toone and then furthered her education at West Tennessee Business College, where she earned a Certificate of Business; and

WHEREAS, Frances Jones owned and operated The Doll Reader Shoppe, an endeavor that combined her love of books, dolls, and antiques; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones was an active member of her community's Friends of the Library program; and

WHEREAS, Frances Jones was a devout member of Somerville Church of Christ, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Frances Jones will be fondly remembered by her daughter, Celia Jones Chastain; son Steven Tony Jones; grandchildren, Peter Brazelton, Zachary Brazelton, Cheyanne Jones, and Cody Jones; and great-grandchildren, Sage Brazelton, Drew Brazelton, Megan Brazelton, Nathan Brazelton, Reba Hensley, Rylee Davis, and Colby Hensley; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her husband, Horace Jones, Sr., and son, Horace Jones, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Frances Jones leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Frances Lurlene Dillard Jones, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Jones.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.